

PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD
January 13, 1983

Pursuant to the Notice from the office of the State Engineer, and to call by the Chairman, the Board of Directors of the Provo River Distribution System convened at 10:00 a.m. in Room 311 of the Utah County Courthouse.

Chairman J. Edwin Ure presided.

On roll call, the following were present:

J. Edwin Ure, Chairman
Sherman A. Giles
Harvey Van Wagoner, Vice-Chair.
Jesse Robinson
Stanley H. Roberts
Kenneth R. Gillman
Franklin K. Stratton
Jack M. Gardner, Secty.-Treas.
Ernest Knight

Group 1 Kamas Valley Canals
Group 2 Upper Provo, East Heber Valley
Group 3 Upper Provo, West Heber Valley
Group 4 Provo City Canals
Group 5 East Provo Canals
Group 6 Provo Bench Canals
Group 7 Provo Reservoir Water Users Co.
Group 8 Provo River Water Users Assn.
Group 9 Upper Provo Individual Rights

Present from State Engineer's Office were:

Edward D. Feldt
Donald C. Norseth
Jerry L. Bronicel

Dist. Engineer-Division of Water Rights
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Also present were:

Stanley H. Roberts, Jr.
Carly Burton
Richard S. Hixson
Warren Peay
Hugh A. McKellar
Farrel Knight

Provo River Commissioner
Utah Power & Light Company
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Provo River Water Users Association
Individual Water User

Mr. Norseth opened the meeting and inquired if there were any changes in officers or directors, and was advised that the officers and directors remained the same. He then introduced Edward Feldt and Jerry L. Bronicel, and advised that Mr. Feldt is District Engineer for the Provo River and Utah Lake District and Mr. Jerry L. Bronicel would also be working in this District primarily in the distribution of underground water.

Mr. Norseth then presented the agenda of the meeting and noted that the precipitation throughout the state was above normal. The basin averages for the Provo River was 140%. That Utah Lake was above compromise elevation, that the gates were opened September 29th and with the inflow from the Wasatch Front streams the Jordan

River was flooding in some areas between 80th South and 27th South. That water was being released from some reservoirs on the Weber. That there is 99.2" of snow at Alta.

Whereupon, Mr. Norseth turned the meeting over to Chairman Ure.

CORRECTION, ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 14, 1982.

At the request of the Chairman, Secretary Gardner presented the minutes and advised that at the special meeting of the Board of Directors with the State Engineer held on January 15, 1981 that a resolution was adopted that inasmuch as the minutes were published, that the reading of the minutes be waived.

Whereupon there being no corrections, Director Van Wagoner moved that the minutes be adopted, seconded by Director Giles and carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF 1982 AND DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:

Mr. Norseth then presented the 1982 Financial Report and delinquent accounts as prepared by the State Engineer. The Financial Report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

It was noted by Secretary Gardner that he had contacted Mr. Norseth relating to the reduction in gross salary for the employees and that these items would be discussed at the time of establishing the 1983 budget.

Whereupon motion duly made, by Director Giles, seconded by Director Gillman and carried unanimously, the Financial Statement was accepted as presented.

It is noted that delinquent assessments were \$461.39. No. 120 Sunrise Irrigation Company delinquent in the amount of \$257.66 was a majority of the delinquent amount. That Everitt Moon should be contacted about this right.

COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Roberts submitted the 1981 annual report noting that the 1982 annual report had been submitted at the January 11th annual meeting.

Whereupon Commissioner Roberts called on Deputy Commissioner Giles for his report of distribution of the Wasatch Division during the past irrigation season.

Deputy Commissioner Giles noted that the natural flow on the Provo River peaked May 28, 1982 at 2743 C.F.S. at the Midway Bridge measuring station. That high water was available to the middle of July and 100% the rest of the season. That the head of the river reservoirs all filled. That the crops were good in Heber Valley except for some rain damage to the third hay crop.

Deputy Commissioner Giles noted that as of January 1, 1983 that the water content and % of normal of certain measuring stations on the Provo River and Weber River drainages were as follows:

<u>STATION</u>	<u>SNOW OF DEPTH</u>	<u>WATER CONTENT</u>	<u>% OF NORMAL</u>
Trial Lake	40"	10.8"	105%
Beaver Creek Divide	19"	3.9"	108%
Daniels-Strawberry Summit	34"	9.8"	175%
Current Creek	27"	6.5"	168%
Smith & Morehouse	27"	7.0"	135%
Soapstone	22"	4.0"	75%

Deputy Commissioner Giles then expressed his appreciation to the Provo River Water Users Association for its assistance in constructing dry dams on the Upper Provo and further expressed his appreciation for the cooperation shown by Commissioner and State Engineer and others in distributing the water on the Upper Provo in the 1982 water year.

Commissioner Roberts reported that there was approximately 40,000 acre feet of space in Deer Creek Reservoir. That the Duchesne Tunnel was shut off October 5th and that no water was being diverted from the Weber River other than a small amount from Beaver Creek that could not be bypassed.

BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT, 1983.

Chairman Ure advised that at the annual meeting the budget and assessment had not been finalized due to some adjustments required in the 1982 Commissioner's and Deputy Commissioner's gross salary. That Secretary Gardner was to contact Mr. Norseth and resolve these adjustments.

Secretary Gardner advised that he had met with Mr. Norseth and Mr. Paxton and it was concluded that the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner should be reimbursed 3.95% of the gross salary paid to each from January 1, to June 30, 1982 and Mr. Norseth advised of the amounts and Items 15 & 16 in the amounts of \$269.55 and \$242.30 were added to the budget. Secretary Gardner then advised Mr. Norseth of the changes in the budget that had been made at the annual meeting and that the amount budgeted for 1983 amounted to \$42,800 and the assessment was recommended to remain the same as last year at \$40,000.00 with the difference to come from the Trust Fund.

Whereupon Director Giles moved that the budget and assessment for 1983 be set at \$42,800.00 and \$40,000.00 respectively, seconded by

Director Van Wagoner and carried unanimously.

A copy of the 1983 budget is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

STATE ENGINEER ADVISED OF RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Chairman Ure advised Mr. Norseth that at the annual meeting held on the 11th of January, that problems and disputes had arisen in the distribution of water in the Provo Division. These problems were discussed with Mr. Norseth and it was noted that Stanley H. Roberts, Jr. was the only candidate for commissioner for the oncoming year.

Mr. Norseth was then advised that the Board at the meeting of January 11, 1983 had adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED that an executive committee comprised of the officers of the Board meet with the State Engineer, Stan Roberts and Hugh McKellar and others and if these problems can be satisfactorily solved, then the Board will recommend Stan Roberts as Commissioner for the 1983 oncoming year, otherwise the Board will not recommend him as Commissioner but will call a special Board meeting for the purpose of recommending a Water Commissioner.

Whereupon Mr. Norseth advised that he would call a meeting with the State Engineer within 30 days and would give notice by letter to those involved and that the items to be discussed at the meeting would be as follows.

1. The Smith Ditch.
2. The storage of water from Lost Lake in Deer Creek Reservoir.
3. Record-keeping for the Provo Reservoir Canal.
4. The storage of Utah Power and Light Company water in Deer Creek Reservoir during the irrigation season.
5. The Commissioner's bi-monthly and annual reports.

Chairman Ure then noted that the Board had recommended Sherman Giles as Deputy Commissioner for the oncoming year.

Mr. Norseth said he would take the recommendations under advisement and present the same to the State Engineer.

Mr. Norseth then advised that a series of meetings were going to be called by the State Engineer in the near future to meet with Commissioners on all river systems to discuss legal and distribution

procedures to inhance the distribution of water on the river systems.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Date Approved: _____

Jack M. Gardner
Secretary